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- 2) This statement is being filed concurrently with the above identified new PCT National Phase Application.

- References AA and AB have been discussed in the specification at pages 1 to 3. Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references by category (A = technological background, general state of art; and E = older patent document which was published on or after the filing date). Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 4) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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